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5108	10-23-62	NY letter to CG	8	-	See NY 100-109849
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5111	10-21-62	NY letter to HQ	1		See Bufile 100-2483
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5113	10-29-62	PH Report to HQ	12	12	
5114	10-30-62	BA letter to HQ	1	1	
5115	10-31-62	HQ letter to AL	1	1	
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5117	10-31-62	WFO letter to HQ	2	2	
5118	11-5-62	AL airtel to HQ	1	1	

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5121	11-8-62	Newspaper clipping	1	1	
5122	11-7-62	WFO letter to HQ	1	1	
5123	11-8-62	LHM letter	2	-	See NY 100-109849
5124	11-8-62	NY airtel to HQ	1	-	See NY 100-109849
5125	10-8-62	SA to SAC Memo	3	0	
5126	11-2-62	SA to SAC Memo	2	2	
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5128	11-16-62	SA to SAC Memo	2	-	See NY 100-109849
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : SAC, New York (100-107111)

DATE: *J 4 63*FROM : [REDACTED] *b7c*SUBJECT: COMMITTEE to Secure Justice  
Fm Morton Sobell  
*IS-C: ISA 71450*

In connection with the destruction of channelizing memoranda, the information contained on the  
serials listed below was incorporated in a report dated *1/25/63*. The review for  
this report was made from serial *4992* through serial *5176*.

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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

SERIAL 5035 DATE 9-4-62

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

9/4/62

SAC, CHICAGO (100-25530)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL (CSJMS)  
IS - C

Rerep of [REDACTED] dated 3/5/62 at Chicago.

A thorough review of this matter discloses that during the past six month period, the activities of the CSJMS and the Chicago Sobell Committee have been of so little consequence as not to warrant the preparation of a report at this time and this matter is being followed closely and a report will be submitted six months from this date.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC NEW YORK ( 100-107111)

DATE: 9/13/62

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBEL  
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On 9/13/62 [REDACTED] advised that reservations were made by Mrs. Helen Sobel for room 11K, Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Ave. for 9/22/62 from 9am to 11pm and for room 10D on 9/23/62 from 9am to 5pm.

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cc: [REDACTED]

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SAC, Los Angeles (100-41648)

September 14, 1962

Director, FBI (100-387835)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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Rerep SA [REDACTED] dated 8-31-62 at  
Los Angeles.

Los Angeles furnished the Bureau and offices which received referenced report appropriate copies of characterizations of the Los Angeles Sobell Committee and the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell to include in the appendix of referenced report. Copies of rerep received at the Bureau did not contain these characterizations and on page 2 reference is made to the fact that these characterizations are included in the appendix. This should be handled by return airtel inasmuch as the Bureau is withholding dissemination pending receipt of these characterizations.

All offices correct the office of origin to New York on copies of the FD-263 attached to rerep. All offices correct the following typographical errors found in rerep:

On page 2, item II, last line,  
correct the word "Atlanta."

On page 6, item VII, twelfth line,  
correct the word "baring" to "bearing."

On page 16, under item D, third line,  
correct the spelling of the word "clemency."

Where appropriate, score form errors against responsible personnel:

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- 1 - San Diego (100-9380)
- 1 - San Francisco (100-35117)

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APPENDIX

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FOR MORTON SOBELL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-307111)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)  
SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MARTIN  
LUTHER KING, JR.  
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The attached letterhead memorandum is classified Confidential because it contains information secured from a confidential informant of continuing value and the unauthorized disclosure of the information contained therein would tend to disclose the informant's identity and this would seriously affect the national defense interests of the country.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

9/17/62

SAC, PORTLAND (100-9004)(P)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
IS - C; ISA, 1950

Re Portland letter, 3/15/62.

No information indicating any significant activity by the SOBELL Committee in Oregon has been provided by reliable confidential sources since referenced letter.

In July, 1962, the informants who most logically would be aware of Committee activities were alerted relative to plans for a possible visit to Portland by ROSE SOBELL, however, nothing to indicate such a trip came to their attention:

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- 2 - Portland

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Re: Committee to Secure Justice  
for Morton Sobell  
Internal Security;  
Internal Security Act of 1950

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UNITED STATES  
REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-337835)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL  
IS-C; ISA of 1950  
(OO: NY)

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One copy of the letterhead memorandum and airtel is being furnished to the Washington Field Office for their information in view of the fact that the parole hearing for MORTON SOBELL is being held in their field division.

The letterhead memorandum is classified confidential because it contains information secured by a confidential informant of continuing value and the unauthorized disclosure of the information contained therein would tend to reveal the informant's identity and thus would effect the national defense interests of the country.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
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TITLE OF CASE <b>COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED] b7c</b>	
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>IS-C; ISA of 1950</b>	

REFERENCE

Report of **[REDACTED] b7c**, dated 3/21/62,  
at Washington, D. C.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:INFORMANTSIdentity of Source:File Where Located

WF T-1 is

**[REDACTED] b7d****b7d****[REDACTED]**

WF T-2 is

**[REDACTED] b7d**

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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in the report only in those instances where the identity of the source must be concealed.

This report is classified "Confidential" because data furnished by WF T-1, and WF T-3 through WF T-9 could reasonably result in the identification of confidential informants of continuing value and compromise future effectiveness thereof.

LEAD

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will follow activities of the CSJMS in Washington, D. C. through established sources and other investigation as activity dictates.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Copy to:

OSI, 4th DIST., BOLLING AFB (RM)  
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Title:

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

Character:

INTERNAL SECURITY - C;  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Synopsis:

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

I. BACKGROUND AND LEADERSHIP

b7d [REDACTED] advised on September 13, 1962, that the Washington Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell (WCSJMS) is an affiliate of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell (CSJMS), in New York, New York.

b7d [REDACTED] stated that the local organization exists on an informal basis. It sometimes conducts activities independent of the national headquarters. At other times, the WCSJMS will arrange and carry out activities at the request of the New York City headquarters.

NY T-1 stated that in the past, ETHEL WEICHBROD, 8321 Tahona Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland, has been the person who organized activity by the local group.

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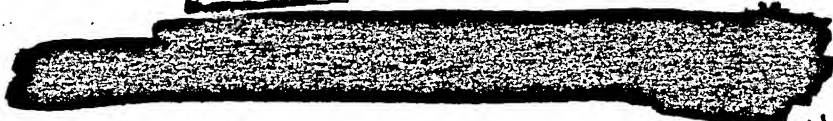
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WF T-1 advised that the WCSJMS raises funds through contributions.

The CSJMS is characterized in the appendix.

ETHEL WEICHBROD

WF T-2, on February 23, 1955, advised that during February, 1955, a person known to the informant to be a member of the Communist Party (CP) had stated that ETHEL WEICHBROD had admitted to him that she was a current CP member.



WF T-3 advised on January 15, 1962, that the CSJMS initiates program co-ordination and appeals for emergency legal funds to Sobell Committees and Groups whose representatives make up the National Conference Group. The Sobell Committee in Washington, D. C., is in the Eastern Region of the National Conference Group. WF T-3, on January 9, 1962, reported that recently appeals had been made to key people connected with Sobell Committees all over the country to raise \$2000 for legal fees needed by January 15, 1962. b1

WF T-3 stated that the key person contacted in the Washington, D. C., area was SARAH HAMMOND, 8802 Glenville Road, Silver Spring, Maryland.

SARAH HAMMOND

On January 31, 1957, WF T-5 advised that SARAH HAMMOND attended a CP Convention on January 17, 1957, at 150 West 85th Street, New York City.

[REDACTED] b1

On March 20, 1962, WF T-6 advised that the affair to welcome HELEN SOBELL home from Europe had been changed to April 14, 1962, since HELEN could not be in Washington, D. C., on April 7th.

HELEN GUREWITZ

On February 23, 1962, [REDACTED] identified HELEN GUREWITZ as a CP member as of February 22, 1962.

HELEN SOBELL b7d

[REDACTED] identified the then HELEN GUREWITZ (now HELEN SOBELL, also known as Mrs. MORTON SOBELL), as a member of the Education and Literature Committee of the CP in Washington, D. C.,

[REDACTED] b7d

ETHEL AND JULIUS WEISSER

On March 30, 1953, [REDACTED] advised that ETHEL WEISSER was a current CP member. b7d

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[redacted] advised on May 19, 1954, that three new CP clubs had been formed in Trenton Terrace in Southeast Washington, D. C., and informant was of the opinion that JULIUS WEISSER was a member of one of these clubs.

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**II. ACTIVITY**

WF T-8 advised on April 9, 1962, that it was announced at a meeting of the Emma Lazarus Club of Washington, D. C., (ELCW), held on that date that an affair for HELEN SOBELL would be held on April 14, 1962, at 3923 McKinley Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. The ELCW passed a motion to give at least \$10 to the CSJMS.

The ELCW is characterized in the appendix.

[redacted] advised that there was a reception for HELEN SOBELL held at [redacted]

on the evening of [redacted] HELEN SOBELL gave a short talk on her experiences during her recent trip to Europe and exhibited items of favorable foreign newspaper publicity. She said that many people in the countries she visited told her they would write letters to President KENNEDY endorsing her position. b7d

[redacted] stated that in addition to the \$1.50 contribution collected at the door, a second collection was taken up during the course of the evening. b7d

WFO 100-25474

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[REDACTED] advised on April 15, 1962, that HELEN GUREWITZ had stated the affair for HELEN SOBELL on April 14, 1962, raised over \$500.

III. APPENDIX



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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

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APPENDIX

## EMMA LAZARUS CLUB OF WASHINGTON, D. C. (ELCW)

A source on June 16, 1951, furnished information reflecting that there was in existence in Washington, D. C., an organization of the Emma Lazarus Women's Division, Jewish People's Fraternal Order (JFFO), of the International Workers Order (IWO).

On April 5, 1961, a second source advised that the ELCW is an affiliate of the Emma Lazarus Federation of Jewish Women's Clubs (ELF), and that June Gordon, Executive Secretary of the ELF spoke at a ELCW meeting on that date.

During her speech, June Gordon stated that the activities of the ELF include the perpetuation of Jewish Culture, civil rights, opposition to the House Committee on Un-American Activities, and the need for a Statute of Limitations on the Walter-McCarran Immigration and Nationality Act.

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A fourth source on March 14, 1944, furnished information that the name Helen Orbach, 620 West 152nd Street, New York City, appeared on a list of members of the New York City Assembly District Section of the Communist Political Association (CPA).

Records of the Board of Elections, Borough of Manhattan, New York City, reflect that Helen Orbach resided at 620 West 152nd Street, Manhattan, from 1942 to at least 1949.

The second source advised on April 9, 1962, that the ELCW is still in existence and meets at the headquarters of the Jewish Culture Society. (JCS)

The JFFO, IWO, CPA and JCS have all been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The ELF is characterized separately in the appendix.

APPENDIXEMMA LAZARUS FEDERATION OF  
JEWISH WOMEN'S CLUBS

"The Jewish Fraternalist" dated October, 1947, self identified as the official publication of the Jewish People's Fraternal Order (JPFO) of the International Workers Order (IWO), on page 6, contained an article which reflected that the Emma Lazarus Division (ELD) of the JPFO was to hold its first national convention in New York City on November 15 and 16, 1947, after having been first established at a National Women's Conference called three years previously by the JPFO.

The "Morning Freiheit" on January 25, 1951, contained a report of the National Convention of the ELD of the JPFO which took place in New York City on January 20 and 21, 1951. At this convention it was noted that the ELD changed its name to Emma Lazarus Federation of Jewish Women's Clubs (ELF) and adopted a new constitution.

On May 15, 1962, a source advised that the ELF is one of several mass organizations comprising the Jewish cultural progressive movement. JUNE GORDON, ELF Executive Director, who is a member of the New York State Communist Party (CP) Board and Committee, is the leading force in the organization, whose leadership is largely made up of Communists.

The source stated that the ELF claims to be for peace and interested in protecting the rights of the foreign born. It is against the BEN GURION Government of Israel, bomb testing, anti-Semitism, Negro discrimination, and the rearmament of West Germany.

The source related that the ELF renders support to and receives support from the "Morning Freiheit" and other Jewish progressive organizations.

The source also stated that the ELF is recognized by the CP, USA, as an important progressive national organization of women.

The address of the national office of the ELF is 160 Fifth Avenue, Room 911, New York City.

The IWO and JPFO have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Morning Freiheit" is characterized separately in appendix.

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APPENDIX"MORNING FREIHEIT"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, to supersede Guide published on January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following concerning the "Morning Freiheit":

- "1. The Communist International 'subsidized \*\*\* the founding of the CP, USA's newspaper, Freiheit.' (Subversive Activities Control Board, Docket 51-101, Modified Report with respect to the Communist Party of the United States of America, December 18, 1956, p.159)
- "2. A 'Communist Yiddish daily.' (Attorney General FRANCIS BIDDLE, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, p. 7686)
- "3. 'The Freiheit has been one of the rankest organs of Communist propaganda in this country for almost a quarter of a century.' (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 75.)"

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FOR MORTON SOBELL

Character INTERNAL SECURITY - C;  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950  
Reference Report of [REDACTED]  
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SYNOPSIS:

REFERENCE: Report of **[REDACTED]**

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Informants utilized in the characterization of the local adjunct to the subject organization were:

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Characterization

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SEATTLE DIVISION  
At Seattle, Washington

Will continue to follow and report the activities  
of local branch of subject organization.

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
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Synopsis:

Seattle Sobell Committee continues to use mailing address of 317-2nd and Cherry Building, Seattle. The Treasury shows balance of \$45.83 as of September 11, 1962. ROSE SOBELL, mother of MORTON SOBELL, visited Seattle area during May and June of 1962. Local Committee continues to hold affairs to raise money for organization.

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DETAILS:

For characterization of subject organization, see Appendix Section.

I. OFFICERS

The Seattle Sobell Committee, as of September 13, 1962, has no formal chairman. MARY GIBSON appears to be the moving force behind the Committee's recent activity by holding meetings in her apartment and delegating Committee's work. CAROLINE CANAFAX continues to be Secretary for the organization.

Source: [redacted] b2

According to [redacted] b2  
MARY GIBSON has never been a member of the CP but is in sympathy with many of its aims and purposes. Over the years GIBSON has been in periodic attendance at numerous CP front group meetings in the Seattle area.

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CAROLINE CANAFAX is a member of the White  
Center Communist Party (CP) Club in Seattle  
[REDACTED] b7d

II. LOCATION

This source advised that the Seattle Sobell  
Committee uses the mailing address located at 317-2nd  
Avenue and Cherry Building in Seattle, Washington.

Source: [REDACTED] b2

The current Seattle City Directory shows the  
occupant for 317-2nd and Cherry Building as SARAH M. LESSER,  
Attorney at Law.

SARAH-LESSER represented several of the Pacific  
Northwest Communist Party leaders, who were tried  
for violation of the Smith Act in Seattle during  
1953.

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Source: [REDACTED] b2

III. FUNDS

On September 12, 1962, SE T-4 furnished the  
following information:

Date 9-12-62

The [redacted] of Seattle Trust and Savings Bank, Seattle, Washington, reflect that the Seattle Sobell [redacted] account as of close of business on September 1, 1962, had a balance of \$45.83. Since May 1962, there have been a total of four checks against the [redacted] account and four deposits to the account.

The above information is not to be made public except after the issuance of a subpoena to [redacted] Seattle Trust and Savings Bank, Seattle, Washington. *b7d*

On 9-12-62 at Seattle, Washington File # SE 100-22197  
by [redacted] b7c Date dictated 9/12/62

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IV. ACTIVITIES

Source: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] via [REDACTED] during 1950 that the SOBELL family had resided at this address from about July, 1931, to December, 1940. [REDACTED] advised that at several occasions during this period, Mrs. SOBELL had requested [REDACTED] in the CP, and he added that although [REDACTED] believed ROSE SOBELL to be a CP member, [REDACTED] this, he could not confirm her membership in the CP or a Communist front organization. b7d

Source: SE T-1, on 5/16/62

The "Seattle Times", a Seattle daily newspaper, issue of May 31, 1962, page 29, column 4, carries an article captioned "Spy's Mother to Lead Walk Here." The article states that ROSE SOBELL will lead a walk scheduled in Seattle for Saturday in her campaign to free her son from Federal imprisonment.

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Source: [redacted] on [redacted]

Source: [redacted] on [redacted]

Source: [redacted] on [redacted]

On June 1, 1962, ROSE SOBELL appeared at a meeting planned by the local Sobell Committee held in the Hillside Community Church in Tacoma, Washington. b7d

Source: [redacted] on [redacted]

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

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The 1960-1961 Borough of Manhattan telephone directory lists the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell as being located at 940 Broadway, New York, New York.

A source advised that the Seattle Sobell Committee was formed during April, 1959, by an organizer of the Sobell Committee from Los Angeles. JODY HATLIE, a member of the Socialist Workers Party in Seattle, was named Chairman, and CAROLINE CANAFAX was named Secretary.

The Socialist Workers Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

A second source advised that CAROLINE CANAFAX was a member of the Communist Party in April, 1961, in Seattle.

~~A third source advised that the Seattle Sobell Committee~~  
~~met in Seattle.~~ b7d

This same source advised that this Committee's purpose since its inception has been to raise funds and obtain public support for the release of MORTON SOBELL from prison.

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR POLICE OFFICERS

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INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT of 1950  
Report of Special Agent

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Re: Committee to Secure Justice  
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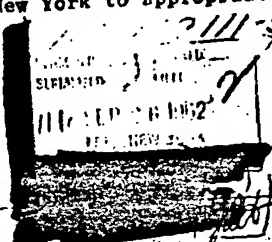
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New York should keep WFO advised of the progress being made by captioned committee to arrange for the showing of the film on Morton Sobell in Washington, D. C. Any information obtained by New York or WFO concerning this film and arrangements for its showing in Washington should be promptly furnished to the Bureau in form suitable for dissemination. Where appropriate, leads should be set out to follow and check any bookings made for this film.

New York should immediately furnish the information concerning the permanent picket line in front of the United Nations Building in New York to appropriate local authorities.

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CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE  
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On September 13, 1962, [REDACTED] furnished the writer a written report concerning bank account information regarding the captioned organization. This bank account is maintained at the Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank, 111 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois. The information pertains to the August, 1962, activity of this account.

The original report is filed in [REDACTED] b7d

It should be noted that when using the information regarding the day to day activity of this account a statement should be made that this information is not to be made public without the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum directed to [REDACTED] of this bank. Regarding the information concerning checks drawn against this account a statement should be made that this information is no longer in possession of the bank or this source. b7c

The information pertaining to this account is set forth as follows:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHECKS</u>	<u>DEPOSITS</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
			\$262.64
1	\$ 25.00		237.64
7	32.00		205.64
9	32.50		173.14
13	75.00	\$ 53.00	151.14
15		10.00	
		70.00	231.14
21		528.84	759.98
21		42.00	801.98

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(Committee to Free  
MORTON SOBELL)

2 - Chicago

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(3) b7d

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DATE

CHECKS

DEPOSITS

BALANCE

27      \$ 39.22  
29      90.39  
29      1.25

\$300.00

\$462.76  
372.37  
371.12

AMOUNT

PAYEE

CLEARED THROUGH

\$ 75.00  
300.00

Cash  
Committee to Free  
M. SOBELL

US

Currency Exchange -  
New York



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

October 8, 1962

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR HENRY BYRNE (CSJES)

The CSJES is identified in the Appendix.

On October 7, 1962, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Helen Sobell and members of her family planned on picketing in front of the White House, Washington, D.C., protesting the continued imprisonment of her husband, Morton.

On October 8, 1962, [redacted] b7d  
[redacted] advised he had learned that Helen Sobell had contacted local Washington, D.C. newspapers and had told of her plans to picket the White House.

A Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed on October 8, 1962, at approximately 11:07 a.m., that Helen Sobell, her son, Mark, her daughter, Sydney Prindie, and her mother-in-law, Rose Sobell, approached the Northeast Gate of the White House and announced to the guard that they had written for an appointment with the President. They were told that this request had been denied. At 11:09 a.m., three-four began picketing and carried placards with the following messages:

Rose Sobell:

"Mr. President, free my innocent son,  
Morton Sobell, on this Holy Day of  
Yom Kippur."

Helen Sobell:

"Mr. President, 13 years ago my innocent  
son, Morton Sobell, who had been honored  
in work and school, was wrongly imprisoned."

"Mr. President, end the persecution, free  
my innocent husband, Morton Sobell."

"This is the 1st  
husband, Morton Sobell,  
Mr. President, p [redacted] b7c  
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Mark Sobell;

"For thirteen years I have only seen my innocent father, Morton Sobell, in prison."

"Mr. President, on our Ten Kipper day of prayer, give me back my innocent father, Morton Sobell."

Sydney Friedman;

"Noted Americans ask freedom for my father, Morton Sobell, 1500 clergymen, atomic scientist Dr. Harold C. Urey, U. S. Senator Lee H. Hunt, Arthur James T. Farrell,

"World leaders urge my father's freedom. Bertrand Russell, Martin Luther, 30 members of the British Parliament, Jean-Paul Sartre, the Belgian Queen Mother, Pablo Picasso."

It was also observed that Aaron Katz was standing in the vicinity of the picket activity, but did not participate.

At approximately 2:03 p.m. the Sobell family ceased picketing and accompanied by Katz, departed from the area on foot.

[redacted] an admitted former member of the Communist Party (CP) in Washington, D.C. [redacted] on [redacted] identified Helen Curwitt (nee Sobell, Mrs. Morton Sobell) as a member of the Education and Literature Committee of the CP in Washington, D.C. as of February 1, 1944. b7d

[redacted] advised that the Sobell family had resided at this address from about July, 1931, to December, 1943.

[redacted] although he believed that Sobell to be a CP member because of this, he could not confirm her as a member of the CP or a communist front organization. b7d

RE: CASE

A second source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on April 27, 1944, advised that Aaron Katz was a member of the CP for six years and had been transferred into the Waterfront Section of the CP on December 23, 1943. According to the informant, Katz held CP membership book number 31230 in 1944.

A third source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised Katz sat on the stage at the 40th Anniversary celebration of the CP-USA, held September 25, 1943, at Carnegie Hall, New York City.



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MORTON SODERL  
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(OO:NY)

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and NY are eight  
and two copies, respectively, of a letter activity in WFO;  
10/8/62. b2

The first source utilized in [redacted] and the  
second and third sources are [redacted] b7d

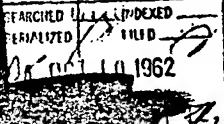
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OAS, FBIHQ and CSI, 4th District. In addition, the following  
agencies were telephonically advised, in advance, of the  
activity: U. S. Secret Service, Protective Research; EIS,  
MPD; U. S. Park Police.

The information attributed to [redacted] b7d  
[redacted] was received by [redacted] b7c  
[redacted], JR. observed in [redacted] at the White  
House. b7c

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newspapers in WFO that she intended to publish the White House.

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL

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(OO: New York)

Re Baltimore information dated 9/17/62

[redacted] b7d  
[redacted] b7c  
[redacted] is identity as protected, advised SA  
[redacted] that on 6/5/62 Rev. DAVID ANDREWS, Methodist  
minister, who had been connected in the past with instant  
committee, who also knelt in front of the White House in  
Washington in behalf of MORTON SOBELL, and was arrested for  
so doing.

On 9/29/62, [redacted] b7d  
Appalachian State Teachers College (ATC), Boone, N.C.,  
who was being contacted on another matter, advised [redacted] b7c  
[redacted] that Rev. DAVID ANDREWS was no longer residing  
in Boone but had moved to some place in Maryland, exact  
town unknown. [redacted] stated that in his opinion  
ANDREWS "is a Christian" and misunderstood by a number of  
people. [redacted] stated that in his opinion ANDREWS' only  
interest was social justice or legal justice and that  
ANDREWS was not interested in politics. [redacted] pointed  
out that he did not know ANDREWS' intentions, but had only  
had one of his conversations with [redacted] b7d

On 9/29/62, [redacted] b7d  
Credit Bureau, Boone, N.C., advised that their records  
reflected that Rev. DAVID ANDREWS and his wife, RUTH,  
were presently residing at 818 Woodbourne Ave., Baltimore,  
Maryland, having formerly resided at 206 Council St., Boone,  
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This "Watauga Democrat," a N. C. newspaper, in its issue of 8/3/62, published an article entitled "Andrews Goes to Maryland," which reflected that for several years ANDREWS was director of the Wesley Foundation at the Boone Methodist church work with students at ASTC. This article indicated that ANDREWS would be director of the Methodist student work at Morgan State College, Baltimore, at the Denominational Christian Center there. Also the ANDREWS family would be living at 3923 Woodbourne Avenue in Baltimore.

Baltimore at Baltimore, Maryland, will discreetly verify subject's residence and advise the Charlotte Office in order that FD 128 and current report can be submitted.

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Re: Committee to Secure Justice  
For Morton Sobell

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-367835)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)  
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MONTON SOBELL (CSJMS)  
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Re: Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell

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The information concerning picketing the United Nations (UN) on 10/17/62, contained in the letterhead memorandum has been furnished to the Bureau of Special Services of the NYCPD to the UN Security Office.

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Report of SA [REDACTED] dated  
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Informants:

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SA [REDACTED] 67c Office: Albany, New York  
October 15, 1962

Date:

Field Office File No.:

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100-387835

Title:

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL

Character:

INTERNAL SECURITY - C;  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT of 1950

Synopsis:

Syracuse Sobell Committee (SSC) has no established headquarters, but functions from residence of LILLIAN REIMER, Chairman, 1009 Cumberland Avenue, Syracuse, New York. REIMER solicited funds on behalf of this organization in April, 1962. Fund-raising benefit held May, 1962, Cazenovia, New York, [REDACTED] postcards distributed by organization requesting President to parole SOBELL or free him through executive clemency.

## DETAILS:

Syracuse Sobell Committee (SSC)

See appendix for characterization.

On [REDACTED] Confidential Informant [REDACTED]

according to the source, stated that the Committee was in need of approximately \$3,000.00 for lawyer fees, although the source was unable to state whether this figure had been assessed

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to the Eastern Region of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell (CSJMS) or whether this was a national goal.

On [redacted] furnished information concerning a fund-raising dinner sponsored by the CSJMS, Syracuse Chapter, held on May 26, 1962, at the home of ELIZABETH ALLEN\* and JANE ANDERSON\* at Cazenovia, New York, with the principal speaker described as YUKI SUHL, an author. b7d

Source stated that SUHL reviewed the MORTON SOBELL case for the benefit of new people who had become interested in the cause, and the source stated that approximately forty individuals were in attendance, [redacted] through a collection, as well as an auction which occurred during this function. b7d

Source concluded by stating that a new appeal was made for funds at this function, and inasmuch as SOBELL's appeal for parole was coming up in July, 1962, source stated the general feeling was one of pessimism concerning SOBELL's being paroled but, nevertheless, the organization in Syracuse would continue to fight on his behalf.

On [redacted] Confidential Informant [redacted] and on [redacted] Confidential Informant [redacted] furnished information concerning the fund-raising dinner held on May 26, 1962, at Cazenovia, New York, sponsored by the SSC. b7d

On [redacted] furnished a mimeographed letter captioned "Syracuse Sobell Committee, August, 1962," which reads as follows: b7d

\*See characterization of Syracuse Sobell Committee for documentation of.

"Dear Friend:

"Early in July, Helen Sobell received word from the Parole Board that her husband's application for parole had been denied.

"All technical requirements such as a job, a highly-respected rabbi as his sponsor and so forth, had been fulfilled. It seems to many that the Parole Board Officials exhibited an almost inhuman callousness considering that Morton Sobell had already spent twelve years in prison for a crime which he has steadfastly maintained he never committed. Whether you believe him guilty or innocent you may wish to join the thousands of your fellow countrymen who feel he has already been punished enough.

"The president should now be asked to use his executive powers to grant clemency or to commute Morton Sobell's sentence to time served.

"Personal letters are most valuable. But we enclose a postcard which many busy people find it expedient to use. We hope you will take some action on behalf of justice so long deferred.

"Sincerely,


"/s/ Lillian E. Reiner  
"Lillian E. Reiner, Chairman  
1009 Cumberland Ave.  
Syracuse 10, New York"

Source, on this date, also furnished information that the SSC was distributing postcards captioned "Morton Sobell Must Be Free Now," which requested that each recipient return a portion of this card to President KENNEDY, urging him to either parole SOBELL or free him by an act of executive clemency when he becomes eligible for parole on July 27,



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1962, noting that it is important for the well-being of the United States to resolve this pressing issue now.



AL T-1 and AL T-2 have previously advised that 1009 Cumberland Avenue, Syracuse, New York, is the residence of LILLIAN REINER.

## APPENDIX

### COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

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SYRACUSE SOBELL COMMITTEE (SSC)

On July 10, 1959, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] furnished information which reflected that the Syracuse Sobell Committee was affiliated with the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York, and that the Syracuse Sobell Committee had been formed for five years. b7d

A confidential source advised on June 6, 1962, that the Syracuse Sobell Committee was still in existence and that Lillian Reiner was the titular head of this organization with ELSIE COHN, the Treasurer, and JANE ANDERSON and ELIZABETH ALLEN being Co-Secretaries of the Syracuse Sobell Committee.

Another confidential source advised on January 15, 1962, that the Syracuse, New York Chapter was one of the affiliates of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Eastern Region of the United States.

On July 2, 1962, another confidential source advised that the purposes and aims of the Syracuse Sobell Committee were, insofar as this source was concerned, the same as those of the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, namely, to continue to fight for the parole of MORTON SOBELL and to raise funds on his behalf to carry out this fight successfully.

Another confidential source advised as follows:

As of March 11, 1951, LILLIAN REINER was not known as a Communist Party member, but as Chairman of the American Labor Party at Syracuse, New York, she worked

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SYRACUSE SOBELL COMMITTEE (SSC)...(continued)

closely with Communist Party members.

(See Appendix for characterization of the American Labor Party.)

As of December 29, 1951, ELSIE COHN was a member of the Communist Party.

As of December 5, 1952, JANE ANDERSON and ELIZABETH ALLEN were long-time members of the Communist Party at Syracuse, New York.

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AMERICAN LABOR PARTY

"For years, the Communists have put forth the greatest efforts to capture the entire American Labor Party throughout New York State. They succeeded in capturing the Manhattan and Brooklyn Sections of the American Labor Party, but outside of New York City they have been unable to win control." (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 78.)

"Communist dissimulation extends into the field of political parties forming political front organizations such as the \*\*\* American Labor Party. The Communists are thus enabled to present their candidates for elective office under other than a straight Communist label." (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)

On October 7, 1956, PETER HAWLEY, New York State Chairman, American Labor Party, publicly announced the American Labor Party State Committee unanimously approved a resolution dissolving the organization and ordering the liquidation of its assets.

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October 18, 1962

Title **COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL**

Character **INTERNAL SECURITY - C;**  
Reference **INTERNAL SECURITY ACT of 1950**

Report of SA [REDACTED] b7c  
dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-41468)

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FROM :

SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES SOBELL COMMITTEE (LASC)  
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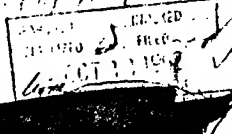
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FOR MORTON SOBELL)

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ACTION:

Informant was thoroughly interviewed concerning the above and could furnish no additional information.

Addresses on above subjects are current on SI cards.

All necessary action in connection with this memo has been taken by the writer.

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

A source advised on April 25, 1962, that the Los Angeles Sobell Committee is the Los Angeles, California, affiliate of captioned organization.

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Report of [REDACTED] 4/30/62, Philadelphia.

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Will follow and report activities of the Philadelphia Sobell Committee.

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No information has been developed that the  
Philadelphia Sobell Committee maintains a bank account.  
During the regular monthly review of bank accounts of  
subversive individuals and organizations, particular  
attention is paid to the Philadelphia Sobell Committee  
and it is felt if the organization should open a bank  
account it would come to the attention of this office.  
In the event a bank account is located, arrangements  
will be made to monitor it on a monthly basis.

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Office: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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Bureau File No.: 100-387835

Title:

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

Character:

INTERNAL SECURITY - C; INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Synopsis:

Philadelphia Sobell Committee (PSC) has no headquarters, officers, formal members, or official publication in Philadelphia. Activities have consisted of meetings when MORTON SOBELL visits Philadelphia, the distribution of post cards seeking executive clemency or pardon for MORTON SOBELL, and the start of a campaign to interest religious leaders in the case.

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## DETAILS:

At Philadelphia, Pa.

All addresses used in this report are Philadelphia, Pa., unless otherwise indicated.

The Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL is characterized in the appendix of this report.

A characterization of the Philadelphia Sobell Committee (PSC) and the Philadelphia Branch, Socialist Workers Party (PWSWP) is contained in the appendix of this report.

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HEADQUARTERS

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that the PSC has no headquarters in Philadelphia, but uses the home of PEARL CHERTOV, 2708 West Sterner Street, for mailing purposes. b7d

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that PEARL CHERTOV was the organizer of the Philadelphia Branch, Socialist Workers Party (PSWP) as of that date. b7d

OFFICERS

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that the PSC has no regular officers, but JEAN FRANZIS and PEARL CHERTOV serve as the leaders of all activity. b7d

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that JEAN FRANZIS was a member of the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware (CPEPD) as of that date. b7d

MEMBERSHIP

PH T-1 advised on October 23, 1954, that the PSC has no formal members, no regularly-scheduled meetings, and no dues payments. The PSC uses a mailing list to notify individuals on this list of coming meetings, which are usually held on the occasions when MELVIN SOBELL, the wife of [redacted] SOBELL, visits Philadelphia.

OFFICIAL ORGAN

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that the PSC has no official publication. b7d

GENERAL ACTIVITIES

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that a PSC meeting was held on March 30, 1962, at 6620 Cobden Road, Laverock, Pa. HELEN SOBELL spoke at this meeting and discussed a visit she had had with MORTON SOBELL in the Federal Penitentiary, Atlanta, Ga. She stated everyone believes MORTON is innocent and many want to render assistance. There will be a fight for clemency for MORTON and in July 1962 he becomes eligible for parole. There will be a fight to secure his parole. Efforts will be continued to attempt to secure a new trial. Mrs. SOBELL stated that money is still needed to fight the case, after which she took up a collection, [redacted] b7d

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that on April 27, 1962, the PSC sponsored a theater party at the Society Hill Playhouse, 507 South 8th Street. This affair was attended by about 50 people and was strictly social in nature. b7d

On [redacted] furnished substantially the same information regarding the above theater party. b7d

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that a PSC meeting was held on June 30, 1962, at 6730 North 13th Street. JEAN FRANTJIS acted as chairman of this meeting and stated she was very sad since word had just been received that MORTON SOBELL's application for parole had been denied. The committee, however, is determined to continue the struggle and is confident of justice and final victory. HELEN SOBELL then spoke and said that during her last visit with MORTON he felt that due to the state of our government and world conditions at the present time there was only a remote possibility that justice could be rendered in this case; however, he sent his thanks to all those who are engaged in the fight. HELEN SOBELL stated she wanted to assure everyone that she felt that justice will ultimately prevail. She said that great expense is entailed in this work and it would be impossible to continue without the financial support of those in attendance. HELEN SOBELL then took up a collection, but the amount contributed was not announced. She stated that one million cards have been printed and are to be filled out and b7d



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sent to the President seeking pardon or executive clemency. She urged those present to take as many of these cards as they could use and to mail them to the President.

[redacted] on [redacted] and [redacted] on [redacted] b7d  
[redacted] furnished substantially the same information regarding the above meeting.

FINANCES

As reflected above at the PSC meeting on [redacted] b7d  
[redacted] was collected.

As reflected above at the PSC meeting on [redacted] b7d  
[redacted] HELEN SOBELL took up a collection, but the amount received was not announced.

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

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PHILADELPHIA BRANCH  
SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY

A source advised on May 15, 1961, that the Philadelphia Branch of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) is an affiliate of the National SWP. The source stated that the Philadelphia Branch follows the aims and purposes of the National SWP. The source advised that the PBSWP, which has maintained a headquarters in Philadelphia for over the past twenty years, presently maintains a headquarters at 1303 West Girard Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa. The source added that the PBSWP utilizes the name "Militant Labor Forum" for public affairs and "Workers Party" as a ballot name when running candidates for public office.

The Socialist Workers Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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PHILADELPHIA SOBELL COMMITTEE

On [redacted] Philadelphia Police Department, advised that by letter dated October 14, 1952, the Philadelphia Police Department had received notification of a meeting under the sponsorship of the Philadelphia Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case to be held in Philadelphia on October 14, 1952. b7d

On April 14, 1953, the Supervisor, Division of Solicitations, Department of Public Instruction, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 812 Blackstone Building, Harrisburg, Pa., advised that by letter dated February 17, 1953, JEAN D. FRANTJIS, as Executive Secretary of the Philadelphia Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, Post Office Box 805, Philadelphia, Pa., had advised the Division of Solicitations that the Philadelphia Committee was an affiliate of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, and that the purpose of the local committee was to solicit money to be used to meet expenses in carrying on appeals the Rosenberg Case and maintaining the Rosenberg children.

Literature issued by the Committee on the dates indicated reflects the following variations of the names of the Philadelphia Committee which have been utilized:

2/11/52	Philadelphia Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, Post Office Box 805, Philadelphia, Pa.
10/14/53	Philadelphia Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg-Sobell Case, Post Office Box 805, Philadelphia, Pa.
10/19/53	Philadelphia Rosenberg-Sobell Committee, Post Office Box 805, Philadelphia, Pa.
7/8/54	Philadelphia Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case, Post Office Box 805, Philadelphia, Pa.

On March 14, 1956, a source advised that the Philadelphia Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case was being disbanded because of a lack of funds and a lack of activity on the part of the Committee.

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On [redacted] this source advised that on [redacted] a meeting was held in Philadelphia to re-establish this Committee in Philadelphia, and the Committee would be called the Philadelphia Sobell Committee. b2d

Another source advised on May 29, 1960, and the first source stated May 19, 1961, that the Philadelphia Sobell Committee continues to operate as a local affiliate of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. It is a non-membership organization which conducts its activities through a Planning Committee consisting of an indefinite number of people, usually eight to twelve individuals. PEARL CHERTOV is the Chairman of the Philadelphia Sobell Committee, and JEAN D. FRANTJIS takes a leading role in the Planning Committee activities.

A third source advised on May 26, 1960, that as of that date PEARL CHERTOV was the Organizer of the Philadelphia Branch of the Socialist Workers Party.

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A fifth source on April 18, 1962 advised that the Philadelphia Sobell Committee continues to be active in Philadelphia. b2d

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON S.

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INTERNAL SECURITY - C;  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950report of [REDACTED]  
dated and captioned as above,  
at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. b7c

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387935)

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SAC, BALTIMORE (100-15240) C

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL, BALTIMORE BRANCH  
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Re report of [REDACTED] dated 4/30/62, b7c  
at Baltimore.

Informants have reported no activity in the Baltimore area concerning the captioned organization during the past six months. On May 8, 1962, [REDACTED] reported that the Sobell Committee locally is dormant and practically dead. [REDACTED] that the Committee does not meet. b7d

On October 22, 1962, [REDACTED] and on October 24, 1962, [REDACTED] advised that there has been no activity locally on the part of captioned organization during the past six months. b7d

In view of the above, no report is being submitted by Baltimore concerning captioned organization.

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR HORTON SOBELL  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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Rerep [redacted] 10/18/62  
at Albany.

On page two information is included concerning a fund-raising dinner sponsored by the Syracuse Chapter of the Committee to Secure Justice for Horton Sobell held on 5/26/62. Informant indicated in connection with this information that Lillian Reiner and Jane Anderson are Co-Chairmen of the Syracuse Sobell Committee (SSC) and have been acting in this capacity since its organization in Syracuse, New York. This information does not tie in with the approved characterization of the SSC which indicates Lillian Reiner is the titular head of the SSC and Jane Anderson and Elizabeth Allen are the Co-Secretaries of this organization.

Albany is requested to advise the reasons for these apparent discrepancies in the officers of the SSC and, if appropriate, furnish the necessary corrections for rerep. This matter should be handled promptly since the Bureau is withholding dissemination pending receipt of this information.

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

"The Sunday Star" newspaper, Washington, D. C., on October 20, 1962, page C4, contained a letter to the Editor from Mrs. Morton Sobell, New York City. Mrs. Sobell stated in her letter that there would be a parole hearing on October 30, 1962, in Washington, D. C., for her husband, Morton Sobell. She said that thousands of clergymen, lawyers, educators, scientists, and civil-libertarians had asked for her husband's freedom. She stated that perhaps the presence of prominent individuals would persuade the board to grant the minimal privilege of parole after all of these years. She asked that "Those who wish to see a good man and a useful citizen returned to his place in society write to the Parole Board."

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on October 30 and 31, 1962, that the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell held a meeting on the evening of October 29, 1962, at the International Student House, 1825 R Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. There were approximately forty people present. To the source's knowledge,

[REDACTED] stated that it was a poor turnout.

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[REDACTED] These persons were people who believe Morton Sobell should be paroled and who were to attend the parole hearing of Sobell on October 30, 1962.

After introductory remarks, the meeting was turned over to Helen Sobell. Helen remarked that she did not have much hope that the hearing before the Parole Board on October 30, 1962, would be successful because of the low percentage

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of favorable decisions in the case of initial parole hearings. She also said that when she began working for Morton's release, she wanted both his release and his vindication. Now she will settle for his release and work for vindication later on. She called on those present to attend the Parole Board hearing on October 30, 1962.

A movie was shown, the theme of which was an attempt to vindicate Morton Sobell. The film consisted of newsreel clips and interviews with individuals who contended that Sobell was innocent. Helen Sobell announced that the film was made by "distinguished members" of the film industry who would identify themselves after Morton Sobell was released. The film is about one month old. Helen said that she hoped to show the film on television and to make a special tape of the material in the film for radio presentation. She claimed each reel costs \$75 and that its presentation would cost "money."

It was suggested at the meeting that letters be written to the President and Attorney General requesting Sobell's release. No definite program of letter writing was set up, but Helen Sobell said it would be all right to write to the President as the Parole Board would probably get the letter.

A collection was taken. The amount taken was not determined, but it was obvious that the purpose of the meeting was to raise funds.

The Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell is characterized in a separate appendix page attached. hereto.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)  
FROM: SAC, WFO (100-25474)  
COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SUBILL  
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ReNYairtel to Bureau dated 10/17/62.

Enclosed herewith are six copies to the Bureau and two to New York of an LHM suitable for dissemination concerning a pre-parole hearing ~~and~~ activities in Washington, D. C. The source mentioned in accompanying LHM to [redacted] who furnished information via telephone to [redacted] will prepare a written report and any additional information furnished will be promptly forwarded to the Bureau and OO.

This LHM is classified "Confidential" because it contains information from [redacted] which could reasonably result in the identification of a confidential informant of continuing value and compromise the future effectiveness thereof.

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- 2 - New York (100-107111) (Enc. 2) (RM)
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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (100-13260)

RE: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON  
SOBELL  
IS-C

Re report of [REDACTED] 10/18/62 at  
Albany and Bureau letter to Albany 10/31/62.

Bureau and New York are requested to replace  
page 2 of referenced report with corrected page enclosed  
herewith. Remaining copies of report corrected by Albany.

Recontact with Albany [REDACTED] which source  
furnished information to the effect that JANE ANDERSON and  
LILLIAN REINER were co-chairmen for the Syracuse Sobell  
Committee, reflects that this information was to best of  
this source's knowledge. It is further noted that REINER,  
page 3, is identified as Chairman for this committee which is  
in agreement with information contained in approved characterization.

CC: 3-Bureau (Enc.5) (RM)  
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SAC, Baltimore (100-15211)

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Director, FBI (100-387385)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MARTIN SOBELL, BALTIMORE BRANCH  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

ReBulet 10-30-62 indicating captioned organization has not been active in the past six months and placing this matter in a closed status.

The attention of the Baltimore Office is directed to instructions appearing in the FBI Handbook, Part I, page 65a, which requires an up-to-date characterization to be submitted when any pertinent changes take place in the nature of an organization. Further, prior reports on this organization have been disseminated to the Department and, thus, it is necessary for a current report to be submitted showing the current status of the organization. As noted in the foregoing quoted instructions, a complete up-to-date characterization should be submitted as an enclosure of the closing report.

Baltimore should immediately prepare an appropriate report and an up-to-date characterization in this matter.

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## 16 Ask Board To Parole Spy Sobell

The United States Parole Board today began weighing testimony to decide whether Morton Sobell, imprisoned 12 years ago for conspiracy to commit espionage, should win his freedom.

The board, in its first hearing of the case yesterday, heard 16 witnesses testify 2½ hours on behalf of Mr. Sobell, sentenced to a 30-year prison term.

Last to appear was the convicted conspirator's 13-year-old son, Mark, who tearfully asked the board to send his father home. "My father is innocent," he said.

James C. Neagles, staff director, indicated it will be some time before a decision is reached.

Sobell was convicted of conspiring to pass wartime secrets to the Soviet Union. Two co-defendants, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, were convicted and later executed for theft of atomic secrets. Sobell, however, was not linked to theft of data.

His case has roused opinion both in the United States and abroad. Mr. Sobell's supporters include Bertrand Russell, the British philosopher; French author Jean-Paul Sartre; cellist Pablo Casals; Israeli philosopher Martin Buber; American scientist Linus Pauling and author James T. Farrell.



DIRECTOR, FBI (100-337893)

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SAC, WFO (100-25474) (P+)

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
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Re: airtel, 10/31/62.

Enclosed herewith for the New York Division is an article from the "Evening Star" newspaper, Washington, D.C., issue of 10/31/62, page B-10, Column 3.

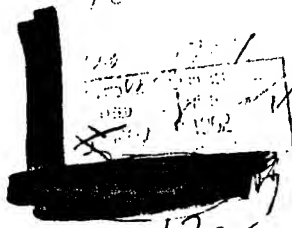
For Bureau information, the article is captioned, "10 Ask Board To Parole Spy SOBELL". Briefly, it states the U.S. Parole Board, in its first hearing of the case yesterday (10/30/62) heard 18 witnesses testify on behalf of SOBELL. Witnesses were not identified, except MARK SOBELL. JAMES C. NEAGHER, Staff Director, indicated it will be some time before a decision is reached."

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SA HARRY W. WILSON, JR.

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b7d [redacted] Letter dated 9/62  
& 1/62 issue of  
"GIVE A DAY OF YOUR  
LIFE" mailed by  
Seattle SOBELL  
Committee

10/23/62

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Informant furnished the following letter dated  
September, 1962 from Seattle SOBELL Committee:

"September 1962

"Dear Friend:

"MORTON SOBELL's application for parole has again  
been turned down. He had had letters of support from  
leading law professors, sociologists, criminologists,  
clergymen and writers. A job was waiting in accordance  
with requirements. A nationally known rabbi had agreed  
to become MORTON's parole advisor.

"We understand the parole rules say it is possible  
to ask for a review in 90 days and demand a hearing before  
the Board. This will be done.

"We suggest that you write a letter to President  
KENNEDY, protesting denial of parole. Be sure to send a  
copy of your letter to Committee to Secure Justice for  
MORTON SOBELL, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York. This

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expression of support helps give HELEN, ROSE and MARK strength to go on. Money is also needed by the national committee or may be sent to the local Seattle SOBELL Committee, 317 Second and Cherry Bldg., Seattle 4, Washington.

"We certainly cannot live with this continuing situation. We do not believe the nation can have peace of mind, either, with the disgraceful record in the SOBELL case, but we have to keep putting up a fight. Please help.

"Our thanks to all who participated in the rummage sale from which we netted \$87.79. There will be another in a few months.

"SEATTLE SOBELL COMMITTEE"

Also enclosed was the January, 1962 (7th) issue of "Give a Day of Your Life" published by the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL. This is filed in this file. The above was mailed to source's former address.

Action: None.

TO: SAC, WFO (100-174)

FROM: SA C. EDWIN GLASS, JR.

SUBJECT: CSJMS  
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Date(s) of activity

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Remarks:

This informant has furnished reliable information in the past.

15- WFO

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"A reception for persons who were to appear before the parole board for Morton Sobell on 10/30/62 was held on 10/29/62, between 8:30 and 11 PM; at International House, 1825 R St., Washington, D. C.

"There were approximately forty (40) persons present at the reception. The following can be identified:

"At 9:30 PM Sara Hammond welcomed everyone in behalf of the Sobell Committee of Washington, D. C. She turned the meeting over to its chairman, Helen Sobell. Helen introduced the persons who would appear at the parole board hearing on 10/30/62. She also read a telegram from Malcolm Sharp saying that he would be unable to appear.

"A motion picture was then shown which attempted to vindicate Morton Sobell. Helen said that it was made by distinguished members of the film industry who would identify themselves when Morton walked free. Helen said that the film was about a month old. It is composed mainly of news reel clips and interviews with 'distinguished' Americans who believe in Morton's innocence.

"After the film, a short question and answer session was held. Rabbi Horowitz said a few words on how he got interested in the case i.e., he was asked to research it for his Rabbinical Association. He requested that 'no man stand aside' and to do their part to support Morton. A collection was taken; the actual amount collected unknown; however, it probably amounted to between 50 and 75 dollars.

"Helen said that each reel cost \$75.00 and that the collection money would go toward the purchase of additional reels. It is hoped that this picture will be shown on T.V. and a special tape recording is being made for radio presentation. Sara Hammond said that as everyone knew this would be expensive.

"Someone said that it would be good idea if people started writing letters to the President or The Attorney General requesting that Sobell be pardoned. Helen said that it would be OK to write to the President because from his office the letters would be forwarded to the parole board. The letter writing was not stressed.

"Helen said that she would not give up hope. Previously she had asked for his vindication and release; however, she would now be happy with just his release, vindication would come later.

"Helen also said that it would have been very unusual if the parole board had granted Morton's release on his first appeal. Only 14% of all Federal prisoners are paroled and very few of them achieve their freedom on their first appeal. It appeared to the author that Helen did not expect the 10/30/62 appeal to the parole board to be successful and secure Morton's release."

This memorandum has been compared with the original statement and it is correct in substance.

All necessary action which should be taken in connection with this information has been taken.

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## Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-372203)

DATE: 11/19/62

FROM : SAC, [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED] b7d

Re Cincinnati letter to Bureau dated 10/18/62.

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In each instance where this PSI has furnished information in Security of Government Employees type cases, a letter has been directed to the Bureau under the individual caption.

A review of the informant's file reflects the Department has evidenced an interest in using this PSI as a witness in the following cases.

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE

(2-New York (RM))

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